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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - CANDIDACY OF IRAN

REF: SECSTATE 66050

Classified By: Charge James Dudley, Reasons 1.4 b and d

(C) On April 27 Emboff delivered reftel talking points to Faruque Faquira, Head of Department, Directorate for International Organizations and Conferences, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Faquira provided no substantive comment at that time. However, during a follow-up meeting with Emboff on May 5 Faquira stated that the GRM was following the issue closely and confirmed that he had passed our concerns to the GRM mission in New York earlier in the week. Though Faquira did not explicitly state that the GRM would oppose Iran's candidacy to the Human Rights Council, he did assure Emboff that Mozambique's vote would reflect UN principles of promoting human rights and democracy. Faquira stated that the credibility of this new body was critical, implying that the election of countries with questionable human rights records would indeed compromise its legitimacy.

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